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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee are listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/56/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/56/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/56/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/56/L.1/Add.1). The draft programme of work should be read in conjunction with the list of documents in order to obtain a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme.

Length of statements

4. The Second Committee, in the past, decided to limit statements on all agenda items, with the exception of the general debate, to 7 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

5. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of eight formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified,

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meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

6. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, and as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chairmen of the Committee so as to ensure full servicing of those consultations. In accordance with the established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the informal consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. The Second Committee is reminded that, in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council are to be considered together with documentation under other agenda items, as well as under item 12. The list of documents contains further information on this procedure (see para. 3 above).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of Friday, 7 December 2001, for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Proposed programme of work of the Second Committee

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Week of 24-28 September	
Wednesday, 26 September	
3 p.m.	
Election of the Bureau and organization of work	Organization of work of the Second Committee (A/C.2/56/L.1 and Add.1)
Week of 1-5 October	
Monday, 1 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate	
Tuesday, 2 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate (continued)	
1 p.m.	
Deadline for list of speakers in general debate	
Wednesday, 3 October	
10 a.m.	
General debate (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
Item 95 (c) Macroeconomic policy questions: science and technology for development	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the coordinating role of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (A/56/96-E/2001/87)
Thursday, 4 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 95 (c) (concluded)	

Item to be considered		*Document title and symbol*
Friday, 5 October		
10 a.m.		
Item 100	International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues	Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/167)
3 p.m.		
	Informal consultations	
Week of 8-12 October		
Monday, 8 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
	Informal consultations	
6 p.m.		
	Deadline for submission of proposals under item 95 (c)	
Tuesday, 9 October		
10 a.m.		
	Informal consultations	
6 p.m.		
	Deadline for submission of proposals under item 100	
Wednesday, 10 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
	Informal consultations	
Thursday, 11 October		
10-11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 95	Macroeconomic policy questions	
(b)	International financial system and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial architecture and development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (A/56/173 and Add.1 and 2)

Item to be considered		*Document title and symbol*
	(d) External debt crisis and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the external debt crisis and debt-servicing problems of developing countries, including those resulting from global financial instability (A/56/262)
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		
	Panel "State of the world economy"	
Friday, 12 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 103	Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)	Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/229)
6 p.m.		
Deadline for submission of proposals under item 95 (b) and *(d)*		
Week of 15-19 October		
	Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development	
Monday, 15 October		
6 p.m.		
	Deadline for submission of proposals under item 103	
Tuesday, 16 October		
12-1 p.m.		
	Observance of World Food Day	
Wednesday, 17 October		
	Observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	
Friday, 19 October		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		
	Panel "Human Genome"	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Week of 22-26 October	
Monday, 22 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 95 (a) Macroeconomic policy questions: trade and development	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-sixth executive session (A/56/15 (Part I))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-seventh executive session (A/56/15 (Part II))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-eighth executive session (A/56/15 (Part III))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-ninth executive session (A/56/15 (Part IV))
	Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries
	Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries
	Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Tuesday, 23 October	
10 a.m.	
Informal consultations	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of proposals under item 95 (a)	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Thursday, 25 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 97 Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (A/56/221)
(a) Women in development	Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/321)
(b) Human resources development	Report of the Secretary-General on advancing human resources development in developing countries (A/56/162)
(c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnerships	Report of the Secretary-General
	Conference room papers on responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy (HLD/CRP.1-3)
(d) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade	No advance documentation is expected
Friday, 26 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 97 (a), (b), (c) and *(d)* (concluded)	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Week of 29 October-2 November	
Monday, 29 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 98 Environment and sustainable development	Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (A/56/115-E/2001/92)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the International Year of Freshwater, 2003 (A/56/189)
(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/56/25, Supplement No. 25)
	Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/56/19, Supplement No. 19)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation for the 2002 summit on the ten-year review of progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
3-4.30 p.m.	
Item 98 (a) (continued)	
4.30-6 p.m.	
Panel "Regional perspectives on the World Summit on Sustainable Development"	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of proposals under item 97 (a), (b), (c) and *(d)*	
Tuesday, 30 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 98 (a) (concluded)	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
3 p.m.	
Item 98 Environment and sustainable development	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the international strategy for disaster reduction (A/56/68 and Corr.1-3)
(b) International strategy for disaster reduction	Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (A/56/76-E/2001/54)
(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa	Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/175)
(d) Convention on Biological Diversity	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (A/56/126)
(e) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/170)
(g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005	Report of the Secretary-General on concrete action being taken for the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005
Wednesday, 31 October	
10-11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 98 (b), (c), (d), (e) and *(g)* (continued)	
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	
Panel "Implementing Agenda 21 in a globalizing world — risks and opportunities"	
Thursday, 1 November	
10 a.m.	
Panel "Globalization and the State"	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
3 p.m.	
Item 98 (b), (c), (d), (e) and *(g)* (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of proposals under item 98 (a)	
Friday, 2 November	
10 a.m.	
Panel "Changes and trends in public administration"	
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of proposals under item 98 (b), (c), (d), (e) and *(g)*	
Week of 5-9 November	
Monday, 5 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 96 Sectoral policy questions	
(a) Business and development	Report of the Secretary-General on business and development
	Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and illegal transfer of funds and repatriation of such funds to their countries of origin
(b) Industrial development cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1993-2002) (A/56/139)
Panel "Issues for Doha"	
Tuesday, 6 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 99 Operational activities for development	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/56/174)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system	Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the multi-year funding frameworks (MYFF) and evaluation of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) (A/56/70-E/2001/58)
	Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 1999 (A/56/70/Add.1-E/2001/58/Add.1)
	Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 1999 (A/56/70/Add.2-E/2001/58/Add.2)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations system (A/56/320)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations system (A/56/320/Add.1)
(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries	Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/56/39, Supplement No. 39)
	Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (A/56/134)
	Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (A/56/134/Add.1)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation and on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries
Panel "Globalization and poverty"	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of proposals under item 96 (a) and *(b)*	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Wednesday, 7 November	
10 a.m.	
United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities	
3 p.m.	
Panel "Impact evaluation of operational activities in capacity-building and poverty eradication" (tentative)	
Thursday, 8 November	
10 a.m.	
United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities	
3 p.m.	
Item 99 (continued)	
Friday, 9 November	
10 a.m.	
Item 99 (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
Item 106 Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries	
(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries	Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/56/297)
(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries	Report of the Secretary-General on resources for the Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Landlocked and Small Island Developing Countries
Week of 12-16 November	
Monday, 12 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 105 Globalization and interdependence	Report of the Secretary-General

Item to be considered		*Document title and symbol*
6 p.m.		
	Deadline for submission of proposals under items 99 (a) and *(b)* and *106 (a)* and *(b)*	
Tuesday, 13 November		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
	Informal consultations	
6 p.m.		
	Deadline for submission of proposals under item 105	
Wednesday, 14 November		
10 a.m.		
	Informal consultations	
3 p.m.		
Item 107	High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development	Report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development
Thursday, 15 November		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
	Item 107 (concluded)	
Friday, 16 November		
10 a.m.		
Item 101	Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources	Report of the Secretary-General on economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem (A/56/90-E/2001/17)
3 p.m.		
Item 104	Training and research	Report of the Secretary-General on UNITAR

Item to be considered		*Document title and symbol*
6 p.m.		
Deadline for submission of proposals under item 107		
Week of 19-23 November		
Monday, 19 November		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 12	Report of the Economic and Social Council	Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/3, Supplement No. 3) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of UNFPA on the United Nations Population Award Report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 on public administration and development (A/56/127-E/2001/101)
6 p.m.		
Deadline for submission of proposals under items 101 and *116*		
Tuesday, 20 November		
10 a.m.		
Item 12 (concluded)		
3 p.m.		
Item 102	Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic	Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its eighteenth session (A/56/8, Supplement No. 8)
Wednesday, 21 November		
10 a.m.		
Item 98 (f)	Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the Conference of the Parties

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*

3 p.m.

Informal consultations

6 p.m.

Deadline for submission of proposals under item 12

Thursday, 22 November

Thanksgiving Day

Friday, 23 November

10 a.m.

Informal consultations

6 p.m.

Deadline for submission of proposals under items 102 and *98 (f)*

Week of 26-30 November

Monday, 26 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Informal consultations

Tuesday, 27 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Informal consultations

Wednesday, 28 November

10 a.m.

Informal consultations

Thursday, 29 November

10 a.m.

Informal consultations

Friday, 30 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Informal consultations

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Week of 3-7 December	
Monday, 3 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Thursday, 6 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Friday, 7 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee	